

HE HAD HIS LIMIT.

The Sheriff Was Willing to Be Fair, but This Was Too Much.

"Look yere, Bill," said the sheriff as he turned a street corner and bumped into a man going in the opposite direction, "hev you bin escapin from jail agin?"

"Yes, Tom. Got out last night," was the reply.

"Dig through the wall?"

"Yes."

"Goin back thar?"

"Yes."

"Waal, you needn't go. I don't want you round my jail no more."

"But I belong thar, Tom," protested the prisoner.

"Makes no difference, Bill. This is 'bout five times you've dug your way out and left a big hole thar to be mended up, and I'm dog tired of sich foolin. When a man will work for three or four hours to dig through a wall instead of walkin out by the door, he hain't got no boss sense and is no friend of mine."

"I'll do better," begged the prisoner.

"Can't trust you, Bill; can't trust you. I sot out to use you well and give you a happy time, but you dug out my walls and mighty nigh ruined my jail, and now you jest go 'long and take keer of yourself. I hain't nuthin agin you as a man, but as a prisoner you are pizen mean, and I throw you over. Jest g'long to grass and don't come sneakin round me no more!"—New York Sunday World.

Shakespeare Indorsed.

Entering the library, she discovered her lover asleep on the lounge. Pausing long enough to assure herself that his coma was not feigned, she momentarily allowed a smile to play with such portions of her complexion as would resist the shock. Then, bending over the defenseless features, she exclaimed in a tone of ill concealed triumph:

"Little did you think, Llewellyn, when last night you ruthlessly stole a kiss from me that fate would so soon give me opportunity for reprisal."

She paused, as if to purse her lips for the premeditated piffle, and then, while in the very act of swooping and probably with intent to make the Bard of Avon accessory before the fact, she added:

"Ah, how well William of Stratford knew what he was talking about when he wrote that 'sleep is balmy nature's sweet restorer!'"—Boston Courier.

The Old, Old Question.



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